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August 2 Philadel-
phia Rec'd Receiving a
letter from Rev. Fuller
Liverp.

Wed 3rd Phila Wrote
letters to Revs. Fuller-
ling, Weaver, Sautter,
Bergmeyer, Porr
& Bro Heigenbotham Bro Rev
Ruth & Exline. Evening
came up to Rev. Roberts
at Germantown & Lectured
at night in his church
Thurs 4th at Germantown
Reading—

Fri. 5th at Germantown
Afternoon went to Phila.
& read the last of the
proof sheets of the little C.

2 Bible Pictures. I am
sick of this book, having
found so many defects
& so little merit in reading
the proof that if the same
opinion & feeling had pre-
vailed ~~before~~ with me be-
fore offering it to the pub-
lishers that new specie
on the Manuscript would
not have been offered. I
feel sad - felt it a task
this evening to go to the
Printing Office & Publica
tion Rooms as the thing
has lost all its interest
to me, or nearly all &
has become a source of re-
gret & self condemnation.
Indeed when I think of
the difficulties of my pres-
ent undertaking & then
look at my meagre ca-
pacities & attainments I

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after all fear there
ered — & if it is an error
it is no trifling one.
To leave my dear infant
little ones for weeks & months
with only brief intervals
of visits between for so long
a time as I have done in
this agency & then to de-
cet them a whole year
or more in visiting the
Capital court of Ohio in
behalf of many never re-
turn is a fearful error
if it is an error. Clear
as are the commands
of God's word & firm as
are my convictions of
duty in the main there
are times when the claims
of my own family the
entreaties of affectionate
at my ear, or the last
of Christians, even minis-
ters — the dangers & diffi-
culties of the undertaking
depress my mind & half
dispose me from the work.

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Sunday This morning
Bro. Albert left for Lake
Marion where he will
remain till night. I
have been writing &
while there enquired Bro
Albert's little boy came
into the Study & played
quietly by my Side as
my own dear little Sam
use used to do. at Home
Oh. My lovely boy.
How can I live without
you. Why should you
be removed forever from
my mortal eyes. Did
I make an Idol of you
How could I do otherwise
with one so lovely. So
dear to me? But I will
try to be reconciled. Life
is not long - though it
seems at times to drag
slowly onward - & when
it ends I shall see

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my Dear Lost treasure,
God help me to live so
as to die a righteous
death & be admitted to
the joys of Heaven!
My heart is sad today
I think of my absent
family & long to be with
them. Only with them
anywhere. That would
be home. Home is not
any Heavenly home.
My earthly home how
ever dear must henceforth
have one dark & gloomy
apartment — the absence
of my Sainted child.

Sund 7th Morning I spoke
to bro. Abbets Sabbath School
— Forenoon preached to bro
Ds people I got contribu
tion of $6.2. Afternoon
went to Dr. Schaeffers
Ch — Evening Bible Class
addressed the Sunday Sch
& in the evening spoke
in the Church on the
Mission subject.

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Mond 5th Called on a few persons at Germantown & came down to Phila. Wrote to Nelson & bro. Rifsell.

Tues. 6th Waiting for letter at Phila. Wrote to Revs Whipple & Kinsley

Wed 10th. Came up this morning from route Webbs Coming to get a letter but received none. Visited Mr. Cummings Office to see when a vessel will sail for Africa. Visited Colonization Rooms.

Afternoon took Cars for Bethlehem. Called on bro Weldon & lectured in his church at night. As he had not return I went to the Eagle Hotel All full Visitors from Phila. & wedding party Could get no bed — A Gentleman present Wrote

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to take me to his home
Went along— Wife opposed to the arrangement
but husband prevailed more than wife I over-ruled husband prevails I retire
Slept well had a quiet night
Morning return to Hotel
for breakfast. Tuesday
day called at Br. Hutton
Rogers out at home
himself— remained till
evening— then came over
to Exeter Put up at
the Phillips Hotel, &
then called on Bro Hutton
found his family not
well— returned to Hotel
Wed. 12th Went to Rev. Pitts
across the Lawn in Ex-
ter— with a view of having
a meeting at his church
during one part of the
day but circumstances did
not admit of it. Returned
I went to Bath to see the
Rogers on some business &
to see Bro Ramsey, called

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to write & can have but one appointment tomorrow. Lodged with Bro. Seager. who was very kind although he did not feel much in doctrine.

Sat. 13 Came back to Castle Viking home at the lakes. Got a letter from home that my children were sick. Fanny sad long to be at home to stay — Long for my dear home & the society of my dear little boy.

Sund 14th Morning Spoke to Sunday School in the Sadlers Church a large well regulated School Forenoon Spoke at St. Johns bro. Sadlers church. Small collections. Evening heard bro. S. preach an edifying discourse

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Lodged with bro Sadler whose family is very kind & agreeable. Mond 15th Walked to a hill above Euston & had a fine perspective view of the town. It is beautifully located & well built. The country round is charming. The centre of the town contains a circle inclosed with iron railing & in the midst stands the court House - an old building - erected in 1754 by King Geore III of England. It is a small but not much dilapidated.

Mond. 15th Came to Thetford calling at Bethlehem on bro. Welden, for the contribution of his church. We received our next credibly

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16 Tues 16th Philadelphia. Collected some money yet due here. Called at Colonization Rooms. — Sent off to the Lutheran Observer an article — "Lutheran Town-time".

Wed 17th Wrote to bro Sanderling & Father Evening came to Phoenixville Pa. to bro. Reaves

Thurs 18 Rode over to Chester Springs to see bro. Reinemuyder.

Frid 19th At Phoenixville

Sat. 20th Attended a S.S. Celebration & addressed the children twice

Sund 21st Forenoon preached in Bros Church to a large audience & got a full & collection of $ 32. Many however went out before the effort was made, because we circulated in the

audience some slips of paper on which persons could write their names who were not prepared to contribute otherwise, some even of the church council drew & left the Church thinking thereby to defeat the contribution entirely but they did not succeed. I did not know that there would be any objection to the use of slips & it is altogether likely that the real objection was to the application for money in any way & this explains all

Afternoon rode 6 or 7 miles & Church of St Peters. I was acquainted here the Church Officers being of Mr Reed & the Rectors being away, we

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dispensed with them
& took a collection
amounting to a little
more than $13. I often
feel sad when I thus
witness the indifference
of our people to the
work of missions. Even
city Locke in the Bap
tist Church at Rossville
Mond 22nd Came over to
Lee. Reinemuyder's to
see Mr. Link & make
some arrangements for
visiting his charge.
Tues 23rd At Lee. Homer
with Revs. Reinemuyder
& Link.
Wed 24th Having for a
long time felt the
need of having an in
terview with the Com
of the Conn Mass. Bap.
at New-York, who
loan missions in Bap.
Assn. I conclude to go
to New-York & leave

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began then all I can about the present State of Western Africa & the most favorable openings for missionary efforts.

Thurs. 25 Reached New-York this morning about 5 o'clock & called at the Mission Rooms but found that Mr. Whipple whom I most desired to see had gone away for a few days Afternoon rode out to Madison N. J. to see Rev. White who recently returned from Africa & who has been in the Shebro & Mendi countries during the last year. He however had left just before I arrived & I was disappointed. I now have returned to the city & it

1 Aug. 1859
is past 9 o'clock. I am
very sad & lonely.
I now regret that I
came to New York at
this time. Still I could
not know these things
before hand & I thought
it advisable to consult
these friends before recom
mending any thing definite
to our committee. I al=
ways feel sad when I
spend the money of the
church thus without
accomplishing any partic
ular good. I now retire
commending myself in=
to the hands of Almighty
ty God.

Frid. 26th Met Rev. Whit
at Rooms of Bom. Miss.
Soc. & had a long conver
sation with him about
Mission interests & Miss=
ion efforts in Western
Africa. He readily admits
the great importance

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introducing proper
political & social institu-
tions into that coun-
try as well as religious
institutions. We agree
that in the Sherbro
& mendi countries this
is especially necessary.
We Jappan also agree
that at some time in
the progress of Christian
civilization this measure
will be necessary & that
it can be more easily
done now than in after
years. We would now
cooperate in a movement
to establish a small
settlement of Christian
colored people in some
advantageous position in
that part of the coun-
which they now occupy
We earnestly urged me
to return to Africa un-
der their board & com-
mence just such a sta-
tion as I now recommend

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It sometimes appears to me that I ought to accept this offer that has so often been tendered to me. Sat. 27th left Philadelphia forenoon. Met Dr. Reynolds at Publication Rooms & was interrogated in an offensive manner by him in regard to the efforts we are making for the Musician. I am sorry to say that I allowed myself to become too hasty in some of my replies. Not that I think he deserved any better treatment but that I ought to observe better conduct. We soon parted however & I attended to a little writing & other business preparatory to my starting for Palmyra. Was very sad at

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the very as I feel much
disheartened about our
mission & left convin
ced that I should go
to Africa under the
Gen. Miss. Soc. which
would afford much
more ample means
for prosecuting this
mission work there.
Reached Palmyra at
about 8 o'clock P.M. was
met by Bro. Port, at
the Depot, & taken to
his house, to share his
hospitality. No letter
here from my wife
Retired to rest Sad &
weary.

Sund 28th Morning rode
to a country Church
(St Michaels) about 3
ms. out & on the way
was told by Bro. Port,
that his charge is ve
ry wealthy — having
about 1000 members
many of whom are
worth from $20.000

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to 70.000 Every
two of whom are poor
The country is rich
beautiful & in a high
state of cultivation.
Rev. Love was ab=
ent on the arrival of my
letter no appointment
had been made for me
but after he preached
in German in St. Mi=
chaels Church I spoke
briefly to the people &
then a collection was
taken for the Mission.
Rev. Loves appoint=
ment had been made
for a "Harvest Sermon"
Notice had been given
that a collection would
be taken & as we now
made a special effort to
augment the amount
by present the claims
of the Mission it may be
have been expected that
the amount would be con=
siderable, & perhaps the
people thought he did was.

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St Croix just $6.76.

The landed estate belonging to members of this church is more than $150.000 besides their personal property!

Truly these people have no just conceptions of Christian duty. I felt dejected both on account of the small contribution & the evident deadness of the Church. Bro. Corr spoke powerfully & earnestly to the people in his sermon but has been here too short a time to effect any apparent change in the active operations of the congregation.

Afternoon Rode 9 mls. to Bonneville & spoke to an attentive audience but as Bro. Corr was willing to go round with me I concluded to make a private effort among the people. Evening attended Prayer meeting

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at Evansville I spoke briefly & apparently with effect. Rode back with Bro. Power to Palmyra late in the evening.

Wed. 24th Forenoon attended a funeral at Palmyra & spoke briefly. after Bro. Power, Afternoon went to Post Office fully hoping that would get a letter - but was disappointed & returned full of anxiety about home. Have felt much concerned for several days. Evening rode with Bro. Power to Evansville to visit the people ~~to~~ in behalf of the Miss. & to lecture. Got a few contributions afternoon & lectured to a large audience at night. Stayed with Bro. Power

Tues 30th ~~February~~ visiting people & on= mill ~~visited~~ called at nearly all the hou ses in town & got $60 dollars & little more in cash. Evening rode over to Palmyra & lectured to a large au= dience & seemed to make a favorable impression

Wed 31st Went with bro. Poer to Zion's Ch. 9 mes. W— one of Rev. Haines Charge, where bro. Poer preached a Harvest sermon & it was agreed that the collection should be given to the mission as it was a special occasion & the collection announced before hand the amount was $3.95 How much our people have to learn!

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came back to Palmy
ra expecting a letter
from home! But again
am disappointed. What
can be the matter? No
letter for nearly three
weeks! While I have writ
ten four letters home.
Thurs.

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1st Went with bro.
Pow to Hummelstown
to attend a S. S. Celebra
tion. Spoke some to the
children. Returned in
the evening to Palmyra
No letter yet from
home.
Frid. 2nd Soliciting Sub=
scriptions till evening
in the country about
Somville & then return
ed to Palmyra, between 8 & 9 at night
no letter at the Office
I know not what to
think nor what to
do. It cannot be poss=

ible that my wife
has neglected to write.
Sat 3 Soliciting contri
butions at Palmyra.
Success tolerable. Recei=
ved a letter from Lyme
stating that my wife &
little girl have both
been sick—hence the de
lay in writing. They
are both better but the
little girl remains yet
quite unwell. I feel
much relieved cocerning
hearing this for I feared
that I could hear
something worse.
Sund 4th Rode 6 ms.
with bro. Peer to Belle
view I preached getting
a collection & H. P. Pet
urned to Palmyra &
preached from Rom. 12.1
but did not do well.
Retired just now lyd
at heart. I feel that
I did not pray as I

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ought to have done while preaching. God help me to be more humble & prayerful for I need it much. Exiting rode with Bro. Pond 3 mist to Campbellstown where I lectured at night to a large audience & the people seemed interested.

Thurs. 5. Visiting from house to house with Bro. Pond. Soliciting contributions. Received $30 or more. Returned to Palmyra in the evening.

Tues 6th. Wrote to Bro. Harrison. Afternoon went to Bellview to see Mr. Reid man. Evening returned.

Wed 7th Came over from Palmyra to Bro. Link's at Hummelstown. Bro Link one of my old College mates, received

me most cordially & expressed his willingness to aid me in any way he could. Was agreeable to meet such men as Bros. Link & Porr. Lectured at Hummelstown at night & told the people that we would call on them at their homes. Left Hummelstown at 9th P.M. Spent part of the day visiting people & wrote some letters.

Fri 9 Writing home & soliciting contributions

Sat. 10 The same

Sunl 11th Preached forenoon at Hill Church to a small congregation of people in rather straitened circumstances

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but the responded nobly.

September Rode to Almira Depot & spoke again to a tolerably large audience & got $ 15. These people are wealthy but have been lately subjected to consider able expense for their church They do not understand English well. Evening rode to Bunnelstown & lectured in the evening.

Nov 12th Made preparations in the morning for starting home. Bro. Link quite unwell. We started reluctantly as we had spent the time very pleasantly & felt much at home with him & his family. At noon took cars for Harrisburgh Evening left there for Pittsburgh where I took cars for East

Nov 13th Morning at left Pittsburgh I reached Wooster at 8 Oclock. Procured a buggy & started for Holmesville to see my mother & sisters & to go by way of Freeports

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burgh I visit the Grave
of my dear little Samu-
el, who left us & died
at Holmside last winter
He lies in a peaceful hill
overlooking the village. I
went alone to the spot &
kneeled again to commune
with him there. I wept
but I cannot call the tears
shed bitter tears as many
have been that I have shed
at thoughts of our darling
speculation. There was
a mingled tendency of sorrow
& joy. Joy that he at least
is safe & happy. I felt
& prayed devoutly to God
to help me bear this great
loss & to draw me also to
himself, when life ends. That
spot is truly sacred. I can
well understand how the
heathen are led to deify
their dear departed. I
experienced a feeling like it
at the grave of my beloved
little boy. I hope I shall
meet him in heaven.
made a short visit at my
mothers & sisters & then
returned to Wortley to work

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the evening train for Lyme. Arrived here early in the evening 9

Wednesday 14th Found all tolerably well though our little Lizzie is but feeble from her late sickness. Busy all day arranging accounts. Del

Thurs 15 Waiting out acknowledgments &c Sundry letters talk as the usual arrangements are scattered through all the books.

Fri 16th At Lyme. Wrote to Mr. Lindemuth & Rev. Smith & sent acknowledgments to Mrs. & Observer.

Sat 17 Wrote to Rev L. E. Albert & Rev Wm. H. Harrison & sent off Quarterly Report.

Sun 18th At Lyme Wrote acknowledgments & receipts for Granville Ch & Nat. Min. Co.

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Wrote to Rev. Billhimer returned missionary from West Africa.

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10th Still at home detained by the State of my family.

Wrote acknowledgements of receipt of Money for the Rescue & Ribbons Wrote to Bro. Passmore, Whipple, Shuey, Hoole. Received a letter from bro. Harrison inclosing bro Abney's request appointment as Missionary to Africa by the African Mission Com. Wrote to Rev. H. Zender ling.

Tues. 11th This morning at 5 oclock my dear wife gave birth to our fourth child a daugh

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ter a healthful
and formed little
child. What cause
of gratitude that she
is in no very dge
former. May she
early become an heir
of heaven & be largely
useful in the world.
Thurs 20th Received
a very brief and
cute letter from Rev. J. B
Sanderling informing
me that the committee
appointment of bro. H.
Reigel to Africa
& also stating that
I had better go at
once to Africa
& select the location
for our intended school.
My time is so short
& my faculty in
so imperfect a state
that I am much
perplexed what to do,
but think I might
at once prepare to
start in a few weeks,

Mond. 24th Telegraphed to New York to hear something about a vessel in which to sail for Africa.

December

Tues. 20th left Baltimore making arrangements for sailing to Africa as the Brig Palmas, which is to sail about the 1st of Feb. next. Engaged a berth to be made at Baltimore for the purpose in case we finally go back to embark

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on the Palmas
Evening left Balt,
for Philadelphia
Wed. 21st Visited
the Superintend=
ents of the three
Eng. Sch. U. S.
of this city, Phil=
adelphia P. M.
Secured from them
a promise that
the Schools will
purchase the Book
costing about $60.
Night lectured at
St. Marks Church.

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Thurs. 22. Attended to various business. Covenant preparatory to Sacrament.

Fri. 23rd & Sat. 24th On the way home stopping at Lewiston Altona & Wooster

Sunday 25. This Christmas Sunday I Spend at Wooster - preached forenoon for Bro. Bailey in the morning & in the evening preached at Exit Union church to a crowded audience

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Mond. 26th Having procured the assist-
ance of Bro. Brunner
we started for Freder-
icksburg 10 ms dis-
tant, where my
dear little Samuel
was interred. We
remove his remains
to Springfield O,
This is to me a
mournful pleasure,
I go with a cheer-
ful heart to the
Sacred Spot where
he is buried,

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Having exhumed the precious remains of my dear boy I went on to Holmes ville to be my dear Mother & Sister Found them all well except Mary my oldest Sister She is much improved in health since I saw her last. Evening returned to Wooster to take care for home, having my trunk along.

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Wed. 27th On arriving at Culture last night the time for Delivrance had left & I was obliged to remain till morning I felt lonely & sad on retiring at the Hotel. But God in mercy gives me comfort & is I believe preparing me for the duties to which he calls me. I am not without comfort

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Thursday morning
the loss of my dear
little son & also
exciting Scene to
leave my beloved
family.

afternoon arrived at
home & found my dear
wife & little ones well.
In the evening took
the remains of our
baby Samuel to the
cemetary & then return
ed with my wife to
our home. It will
be a consolation to my
family in my absence

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to leave this grave of our departed little boy so near. There is a sacred pleasure in doing any thing with reference to this beloved child. I do not wonder that the Pagan ~~world~~ world so often worship their dead.

June 2nd 1860

at Cincinnati in consultation with bros. Hamilton & Shrader in regard to some arrangements for sailing to Syria.

Jan. 1860.
All living beings are ranged safe factorily I returned home this evening.

Jan. 16th At home. Thinking it prudent in view of the uncertainty of life for the benefit of time I may be quiet amid the dangers to which I will be exposed I today wrote my Will & had it witnessed

40 Jan. 1960

by Mrs. E. Rogers

My uncle listed

her daughter Miss

Ellie Rogers.